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DraftKings HQ opens in Back Bay



US chief justice rejects bid to block 'bump stocks' gun ban

2 U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts on Tuesday rejected a bid by gun rights activists to put on hold a ban by President Donald Trump's administration on "bump stock" gun attachments that enable semi-automatic weapons to be fired rapidly. Justice Sonia Sotomayor has not yet acted on another similar request. The ban goes into effect on Tuesday but lower courts have yet to rule on an appeals brought by gun rights

activists in Michigan and the U.S. capital. Trump pledged to ban the devices soon after a gunman used them to shoot and kill 58 people at a country music festival in Las Vegas in October 2017. The Justice Department on Dec. 18 announced plans to implement the policy. A Washington-based federal district court judge in February upheld the ban, prompting gun rights advocates to appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Google Glass helps kids with autism read facial cues

3 Children with autism may have an easier time reading facial expressions and navigating social interactions when they use Google Glass paired with a smartphone app, a small experiment suggests. The system, dubbed "Superpower Glass," helps them decipher what's happening with people around them, researchers found. The experiment included 71 children, ages 6 to 12, who were receiving a standard treatment for autism

known as applied behavioral analysis therapy. This type of therapy typically involves using structured exercises like flash cards depicting faces to help kids learn to recognize different emotions. Forty kids were randomly assigned to use the "Superpower Glass" system — glasses with a camera and speaker that sent information on what children saw and heard to a smartphone app designed to help them decode and respond to social interactions.

Pats owner Kraft wants jury trial in prostitution case

4 Attorneys for New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft on Tuesday filed court papers requesting a jury trial on solicitation of prostitution charges stemming from a sting operation at a Florida massage parlor. The documents also formally waive Kraft's right to an arraignment hearing and reiterate the not guilty plea he entered last month. Kraft, 77, was charged in February with soliciting prostitution

after police said he was captured on hidden camera footage engaging in sex acts with a worker at Orchids of Asia Day Spa in Jupiter, Florida. The billionaire businessman apologized for his actions in a written statement issued earlier this week. "Throughout my life, I have always tried to do the right thing. The last thing I would ever want to do is disrespect another human being," Kraft said in the statement.



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Chicago mayor blasts prosecutors for dropping Jussie Smollett hoax charge

In a stunning reversal by Cook County prosecutors, all criminal charges have been dismissed.

Chicago prosecutors on Tuesday dropped charges accusing "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett of staging a phony hate crime, a stunning move that drew the fury of the city's police superintendent and mayor, who called the decision a "whitewash of justice."

Smollett, who is black and gay, told reporters on Tuesday that he had always been truthful when he said two masked men threw a noose around his neck and poured chemicals on him while yelling racist and homophobic slurs and expressing support for U.S. President Donald Trump in January.

But Mayor Rahm

Emanuel lambasted the surprise reversal by Cook County prosecutors, emphasizing that a grand jury concluded the attack was a hoax and hammering Smollett as indecent for claiming to be a victim.

"This is a whitewash of justice," Emanuel told a news conference. "From top to bottom, this is not on the level."

The mayor's comments capped a dizzying three hours that began at a brief court hearing on Tuesday, when prosecutors abruptly announced they were abandoning the case. In a statement after the hearing, the office of the Cook County State's Attorney cited Smollett's prior community service and his willingness to forfeit his \$10,000 bond, calling it a "just disposition."

Smollett, his lawyers and his family hailed the move as vindication of his account, which had touched off a furor in



Jussie Smollett.

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"Do I think justice was served? No. I think this city is still owed an apology."

Eddie Johnson,
Chicago Police superintendent

the United States, where Trump's 2016 presidential victory has fueled increasingly heated political divisions.

The backlash from

Emanuel and Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson — who said he was unaware of prosecutors' plans beforehand — made clear the Jan. 29

incident remains clouded by unanswered questions.

"Do I think justice was served? No," Johnson told reporters. "I think this city is still owed an apology."

Prosecutors did not respond to requests for a response to those comments.

The Cook County State's Attorney's office said it viewed the outcome as appropriate, though prosecutors also said they stood by the initial decision to charge Smollett with filing a false report.

First Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Magats told the Chicago Sun-Times that the decision to drop the case did not mean Smollett is innocent of the charges, or that he was a victim. He said prosecutors used the same criteria in determining Smollett's fate that they do for any defendant.

"The fact there was an alternative disposition in this case is not and should

not be viewed as some kind of admission there was something wrong with the case," he told the newspaper.

Initial reports of the attack bolstered critics of the president who say his rhetoric has encouraged racial violence, and Smollett earned widespread sympathy from celebrities and some Democratic presidential candidates.

But police arrested Smollett on Feb. 21, accusing the actor of paying two brothers \$3,500 to stage the attack in an effort to use the notoriety to advance his career.

Mayor Emanuel said Smollett's actions had dragged Chicago's reputation through the mud and also would make it harder for victims of hate crimes to have their stories believed.

"How dare him?" a visibly angry Emanuel said. "Is there no decency in this man?" **REUTERS**

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UFC champion Conor McGregor investigated for sexual assault in Ireland

The controversial MMA fighter announced his retirement on Tuesday.



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Mixed martial arts superstar Conor McGregor is being investigated by Irish police over a claim of sexual assault, the New York Times reported on Tuesday.

Early Tuesday morning, McGregor announced on Twitter that he was retiring from the Ultimate Fighting Championship, which has made him one of the world's highest-paid athletes. Forbes estimates he earned \$99 million last year.

"I wish all my old col-



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leagues well going forward in competition," he tweeted. "I now join my former partners on this venture, already in retirement. Proper Pina Coladas on me fellas!"

McGregor hasn't been charged with a crime. In January, he was arrested, questioned about the claim and released, the Times said. An investigation is continuing. (In Ireland and much of Europe, a formal criminal charge does not necessarily follow an arrest.)

The woman making the assault allegation said it happened at the Beacon Hotel, which sits on the outskirts of Dublin. McGregor has been a repeated guest at the hotel, usually booking its penthouse room, the Times reported. He last visited in December.

Ireland's police service would not confirm that McGregor was a suspect, the Times said.

On Tuesday afternoon, McGregor's spokesperson, Karen Kessler, issued a statement denying that McGregor's retirement was related to the Times report. "This story has been circulating for some time and it is unclear why it is being reported now," she said. "The assumption that the Conor retirement announcement today is related to this rumor is absolutely false. Should Conor fight in the future it must be in an environment where fighters are respected for their value, their skill, their hard work and their dedication to the sport."

Irish news media have been reporting on the case since late last year, without naming McGregor. Ireland's laws don't allow rape suspects to be publicly named unless they have been convicted.

Volatile and colorful, McGregor is one of the faces most closely associ-

ated with mixed martial arts, even though he has fought only once since 2016. He lost that October 2018 match to Khabib Nurmagomedov.

In recent years, McGregor has repeatedly attracted headlines for violent incidents outside the ring. Last July, McGregor pleaded guilty to a disorderly conduct charge after he threw a hand truck at a bus window outside Barclays Center after a UFC promo event; two fighters suffered facial injuries from broken glass. In January, the Nevada Athletic Commission suspended him from fighting for six months and fined him \$50,000 after a fight broke out following his match with Nurmagomedov. He has an April 10 court date in Miami on charges of strong-armed robbery and criminal mischief; he allegedly smashed a man's cellphone at a nightclub earlier this month.



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The Cactus Blossoms

on finding perfect harmony the 'Easy Way'

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We sat down with the rising Americana duo ahead of their upcoming tour.



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Minneapolis' The Cactus Blossoms have a sound that has a similar quality to what their name evokes. Their brand of gothic country and crystal-clear harmonies between half-brothers Page Burkum and Jack Torrey can silence a crowded room after the tears are done falling, creating music that is timeless and untouched by passing trends in pop music. The band became a live sensation after touring relentlessly behind their 2016 debut "You're Dreaming," landing an opening slot with Kacey Musgraves and even being cast by David Lynch in the hallucinatory return of "Twin Peaks."

This year, the band is poised to have their big breakthrough as they have just released their long-awaited follow-up sophomore album "Easy Way" which sees them co-writing two songs with the Black Keys' Dan Auerbach. We had the chance to speak with Jack and Page ahead of their national headlining tour.

The new album "Easy

Way" is great and really expands upon your sound with some louder guitars and bigger instrumentation. What was writing and recording like this time around?

Jack: This time around, we had a few ideas kicking around but we started recording before we even had all the songs together because we just knew we were going to have to start working on it at some point, even if we were still playing a few shows. So it was really different going into the studio and experimenting with songs as they were being written. So that was a big difference and you know, playing larger guitars with really small amps.

Page: You know, I guess we've been touring for — what was it, Jack? I guess we released "You're Dreaming" in 2016, is that right? And so, that was recorded probably in 2015. Anyways, it's been kind of a long time. We've done a lot of touring since then, so I think our sound is just evolving over time. I think people who've seen us live in the last couple of years aren't too surprised by anything on the record, but yeah, we've been adding a bit more electric guitar, and just following whatever ideas we have for songs, and however we feel, I guess.

The style of country you

play is of such a certain time and place, harkening back to some of the earliest country and rock duos like the Everly Brothers and the Louvin Brothers. It also seems like your sound could fit in with a lot of contemporary rock as well. Did you guys start playing that kind of music early on or was it something you came to later on?

Jack: We definitely weren't playing country songs when we were kids. But me and Page used to play in the basement, just bass and drums and goof around. When we started playing songs and learning songs at different points, I started getting into a lot of folk music. Page started getting into stuff like Jimmy Rogers. So that's kind of when we started getting into songs and exploring all that old stuff.

Page: I would say before we were exposed to folk music and old country music we were big fans of Electric Light Orchestra and The Beatles and this French band called Air and Radiohead. Yeah, all sorts of things, and we didn't have a band at that point but we were into all sorts of stuff. I think sometimes it takes a while to pull in some of your different influences over time to figure out the better recipe together, so I think that's what's happening.

Yeah, it's hard to incorporate those musical left turns and have it not seem forced.

Page: Yeah. I just mean if you learn a Woody Guthrie song and you love it, let's say you also like AC/DC. So it may take a while to learn how to put that together in a way — to find the things they love about those different styles and put them together. Sometimes I think we look more traditional than we really are. I'm not saying that



I don't understand that. I mean, we played really classic country kind of stuff, so I can see how people would think we're really going for that. But I think that came out of what we were into at the time through our own limitations. We're not purists, I guess.

Is it easy for you guys to get on the same page during the writing process or do you come to the table with your own defined ideas?

Jack: That was definitely the difference between

making this record. Not only do we get to write with Dan Auerbach for a couple of songs, but we were writing with each other a lot more this time around, so that definitely took the stress off.

Page: I think in our case — I mean, probably in most people's case, when they're collaborating, it usually starts with one person's idea and then one or two other people might finish that idea to develop it in some way. But we've never sat down at a table and we're like "let's start with nothing" and write a song. It's always somebody's half-formed idea.

What was it like working with Dan Auerbach?

Jack: We were just, like, hanging around his studio, drinking coffee and working on song ideas together. It's totally without really an agenda, and you know, like I said, we hadn't been writing with each other much and we hadn't done anything like that, so it was pretty interesting seeing how people who are used to doing that, do it, and the kind of freedom you have to share ideas — good ideas, bad ideas — and just write a verse together. It was refreshing.

Is it cool to see your band in this new breed of outsider country music that is becoming

popular? Your old tourmate Kacey Musgraves just won a ton of Grammys!

Page: Yeah! It's been fun seeing her take off.

Jack: We got to see her play in Saint Paul and she won all those Grammys. That's pretty wild, man. To see, you know, someone like her who is not getting played on top country radio, but is still blowing things up. It's an honor to play with someone like her.

You guys were featured in the last season of "Twin Peaks" playing the song "Mississippi." What was it like working with David Lynch?

Page: Oh, Dave? He's great! This is off the record, right [laughs]?

Jack: We can't tell you! We didn't work with David for very long — we were on set for a few hours max — but we really had a great time. Doing a scene was really fun because we were left in mystery, too. We didn't know if the song was going to get used, or how it would fit in, or if it was going to be in some scary scene — and it was. We actually got to watch it and they used most of the song. It was pretty wild.

Make sure to get tickets to see The Cactus Blossoms at The Sinclair on Friday, April 12.

How to stem 'subscription creep'



NerdWallet is a personal finance website.

From Netflix, Spotify and Amazon Prime to Blue Apron, Birchbox, and beer of the month, your debit or credit card statements are likely littered with subscriptions that are costing you dearly.

Not that all subscriptions are bad.

You might be happy to pay a monthly fee to work out at the gym or type in Microsoft Office 365. But maybe the benefits of subscribing to credit monitoring or razors by mail were, uh, more fleeting.

Recurring charges can be insidious, some eating away at your wealth when you don't value the

subscription anymore. Three \$30-per-month subscriptions don't sound like much until you realize they total nearly \$1,100 per year.

Inertia leads to a dozen free trials morphing into mainstays on your Mastercard. (Maybe not much longer, though. Mastercard has said it will require merchants to get your approval to proceed with charges after a free trial ends, although it applies only to physical-product subscriptions, like home-delivered sampler boxes.)

"The situation with subscriptions could end up being death by a thousand cuts when it comes to your budget," says Bruce McClary, spokesman for the National Foundation for Credit Counseling.

Adding to the problem are so-called "gray" charges, deceptive and unwanted credit and debit card charges that stem from misleading



sales and billing practices. They total more than \$14 billion a year among U.S. cardholders, or \$215 each, per a 2013 study by industry research firm Aite Group.

Here's how to spring-clean recurring charges so you can spend on things that matter to you more.

Subscription audit

Job No. 1 is to identify recurring charges. Scan recent payment statements,

including credit cards, debit cards or online accounts, like PayPal. Go back 12 months to catch auto-renew annual subscriptions. Don't ignore the analog world: lawn mowing, home security monitoring, pest-control service and memberships in social and professional organizations.

Multiply by 12

A frog in a stovetop pot of water will complacently boil to death if you raise

the temperature slowly, the saying goes. Accumulating monthly subscriptions is similar. To feel the full impact, multiply monthly charges by 12 to get an annualized idea of what you're spending. If you see yourself keeping the subscription five years, do that math, too. Then, a seemingly insignificant \$30-per-month expense becomes \$1,800.

"On the surface, subscription costs may seem minimal, but when you add them up it can really pinch your monthly budget," says Paul Golden, spokesman for the National Endowment for Financial Education. "If you're putting subscriptions on your credit card, is that hindering your ability to pay off your balance each month? If so, this is a red flag."

Reassess value

Do you use and value the subscription? A gym membership is perhaps the best example of a noble subscription gone wrong — when you quit going but continue paying.

Ask yourself if a subscription saves you money or time. Has it lived up to its promise? Does a delivered subscription box bring you joy or guilt?

"It's a good idea to do a subscription evaluation on a regular basis — perhaps a couple of times a year," Golden says.

Is it redundant?

If you have cable or satellite TV, plus Netflix, YouTube TV and Amazon Prime Video, you have overlap. "There are so

many redundancies across those platforms that you're more or less paying for the same service over and over again," McClary says.

The same assessment goes for streaming music services, cloud storage and phone services. Are you hanging on to a landline for no reason?

Opt to share

Can you legitimately share a subscription? "Some of these subscriptions offer a buddy pass," McClary notes. YouTube TV allows family groups to share subscriptions, and certain New York Times subscriptions come with a bonus subscription to share. Some families choose to group their wireless phones on a single plan to lower costs.

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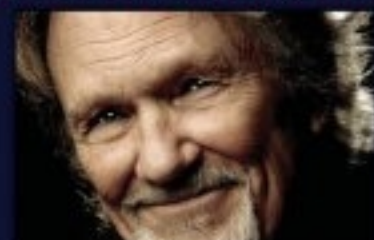
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Q&A



VERA KOZYR,
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POCKETLAB AIR

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LASER EGG 2+

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AIRPRO MINI

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Boston zip codes turn up silver for residents

Sealed Vault Bags full of heavy silver bars are actually being handed over to the first Massachusetts residents who find their zip code listed in today's publication and call before the 48 hour order deadline ends to claim the bags full of valuable silver

NATIONWIDE – Operators at the National Silver Hotline are struggling to keep up with all the calls.

That's because Silver Vault Bags loaded with a small fortune of .999 pure Silver Bars are now being handed over to everyone who beats the 2-day order deadline.

"It's like a modern day Gold Rush. Massachusetts residents will be hoarding all the silver bars they can get their hands on for the next 2 days. This comes as no surprise after the standard State Minimum set by the Federated Mint dropped 42%, going from \$50 per bar to just \$29 making these Silver Vault Bags a real steal," said Mary Ellen Withrow, the emeritus 40th Treasurer of the United States of America.

"As executive advisor to the private Federated Mint, I get paid to deliver breaking news. And here's the best part. This is great news for Massachusetts residents because it's the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint," said Withrow.

The only thing residents need to do is find the first 3 digits of their zip code on the Distribution List printed in today's publication. If their zip code is on the list, they need to immediately call the National Silver Hotline before the 2-day order deadline ends.

Residents who do are cashing in on the record low State Minimum set by the Federated Mint. This is a real steal for residents because each Silver Vault Bag loaded with 10 Massachusetts State Silver Bars is normally set at \$500 which is the standard \$50 per heavy half ounce bar State Minimum set by the Federated Mint. But here's the good news. Residents who call today get the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint of just \$290 for each Massachusetts Silver Vault Bag which is just \$29 per bar as long as they call the National Silver Hotline at; 1-866-874-7770 EXT. FMM1419 before the deadline ends.



MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS CASH IN: It's like a modern day Gold Rush. Everyone's scrambling to get their hands on the heavy, Jumbo Silver Ballistic Bags pictured above before they're all gone. That's because residents who find the first 3 digits of their zip code printed in today's publication are cashing in on the lowest ever State Minimum price set for the next 2 days by the Federated Mint.

► **Who gets the Silver Vault Bags:** Listed below are the U.S. zip codes that get the Silver Vault Bags. If you find the first 3 digits of your zip code below immediately call: **1-866-874-7770 EXT. FMM1419**

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Phone lines open at precisely 8:30 A.M. this morning and are expected to be flooded by Massachusetts residents looking to cash in on the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint to date. That's why Boston area residents who find their zip code on the distribution list today are being urged to call immediately.

Since this special advertising announcement can't stop dealers and collectors from hoarding all the new 2019 Edition Massachusetts State Silver Bars they can get their hands on, the Federated Mint had to set a strict limit of three Jumbo Silver Ballistic Bags per resident – these are the bags everyone's trying to get because they contain 10 individual Silver Vault Bags each. Everyone who gets these will feel like they just hit the jackpot.

"Residents who want to cash in on the lowest ever State Minimum set by the private Federated Mint better hurry. That's because in 2 days, the State Minimum for these heavy half ounce Massachusetts State Silver Bars returns to the normal State Minimum set by the Federated Mint of \$50 per bar," Withrow said.

"We're bracing for all the calls and doing the best we can, but with just hours left before the deadline ends, residents lucky enough to find the first 3 digits of their zip code listed in today's publication need to immediately call the National Silver Hotline," Withrow said. ■



■ **SILVER HITS ROCK BOTTOM:** Everyone's scrambling to get the Silver Vault Bags each loaded with 10 solid .999 pure Silver State Bars before they are all gone. That's because the standard State Minimum set by the private Federated Mint dropped 42%, going from \$50 per bar to just \$29, which is a real steal.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: If you find your zip code on the distribution list printed in today's publication read below then immediately call: **1-866-874-7770 EXT. FMM1419**

► **I keep calling and can't get through:** Keep trying. Right now everyone's looking to cash in on the lowest State Minimum ever set by the Federated Mint. In fact, tens of thousands of residents are expected to order up as many Silver Vault Bags as they can get their hands on before the deadline ends. That's because the State Minimum set by the Federated Mint has been slashed from \$50 per heavy half ounce to just \$29 for the next 2 days. And since each Silver Vault Bag contains 10 valuable State Silver Bars for just \$290 nearly everyone is taking at least three bags before they're all gone. But all those who really want to cash in are taking the Jumbo Silver Ballistic Bags containing 100 State Silver Bars before the State Minimum set by the Federated Mint goes back up to \$500 per Vault Bag. So if lines are busy keep trying.

► **How much are the Silver Vault Bags worth:** It's hard to tell how much these Silver Vault Bags could be worth since they are highly collectible, but those who get in on this now will be the really smart ones. That's because the State Minimum set by the Federated Mint goes back up to \$500 per bag after the deadline ends. So you better believe that at just \$290 the Silver Vault bags are a real steal for everyone who beats the deadline.

► **Can I buy one State Silver Bar:** Yes. But, the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint of just \$29 per bar applies only to residents who purchase a Silver Vault Bag(s). That means only those residents who order a Silver Vault Bag(s) or the heavy, Jumbo Silver Ballistic Bag(s) get the \$29 per bar State Minimum set by the Federated Mint. All single bar purchases, orders placed after the 2-day deadline and all non-state residents must pay the standard \$50 per heavy half ounce Bar State Minimum set by the Federated Mint.

► **Why is the State Minimum set by the Federated Mint so low now:** Thousands of U.S. residents stand to miss the deadline to get the silver at the lowest ever State Minimum set by the private Federated Mint. Now all residents who find the first 3 digits of their zip code on the Distribution List printed in today's publication are getting the Silver Vault Bags for themselves and all the solid .999 pure State Silver Bars found inside. The price for each Silver Vault Bag is normally set at \$500 which is the standard \$50 per bar State Minimum set by the Federated Mint, but residents who beat the 2-day deadline only cover the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint of just \$290 for each State Silver Vault Bag which is just \$29 per bar as long as they call the National Silver Hotline before the deadline ends at: **1-866-874-7770 EXT. FMM1419**. Hotlines open at 8:30 A.M.



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SPORTS

Sox bullpen the main worry

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Matt Barnes is the top relief option for Alex Cora.

The best relief pitchers on the champion Red Sox this past October were Chris Sale and Nathan

Eovaldi. The postseason prior, in 2017, David Price was Boston's best option out of the bullpen as he did not allow a run in 6.2 innings pitched in that ALDS loss to Houston.

You can win in the fall without an elite bullpen, so long as you have starters ready and willing to do the dirty work. Winning from April to September without a top-of-the-line closer is another story, altogether.

As shaky as Craig Kimbrel was in the playoffs for the Sox last season, he was one of the top closers in the game during the spring and summer months in 2018. Kimbrel's 43 saves last season were the third most in MLB behind only Seattle's Edwin Diaz (57 saves) and Colorado's Wade Davis (43).

The big question is, "can you win these days without an elite closer?"

Well, let's look at baseball's final eight teams last season and see where their respective closer finished in terms of saves.

2. Rockies Wade Davis - 69
3. Red Sox Craig Kimbrel - 43
4. Dodgers Kenley Jansen - 38
7. Yankees Aroldis Chapman - 32
13. Indians Cody Allen - 27
14. Astros Ken Giles - 26
- 23-T. Braves Aroldys Vizcaino - 16
- 23-T. Brewers Joakim Soria - 16

As you can see, it's a mixed bag. It's nice to have an elite closer for sure, but not mandatory for success. It should be noted that several of these players above were traded for by their respective teams mid-season, so don't be surprised if Dave Dombrowski pulls the trigger in July if things are shaky early on.

"Closer by committee"

The phrase is haunting for Red Sox fans as the 2003 team that came oh-



Matt Barnes will get the ball early and often out of the bullpen this season.

BILLIE WEISS/BOSTON RED SOX

so-close to taking down the mighty Yankees had to settle for the likes of Byung-Hyun Kim and Tim Lincecum pitching key innings down the stretch. In falling to New York in seven games that year, the Sox decided to get a permanent solution at the back end as they signed Keith Foulke that off-season.

In fact all of the Red Sox championship teams since 2004 have had a top-shelf closer: Foulke in 2004, Jonathan Papelbon in 2007, Koji Uehara in 2013 and Kimbrel last year.

To start the season in 2019, at least, the Sox will go against the grain.

Matt Barnes and Ryan Brasier are the top two candidates to get the ball in the ninth inning despite the duo having a combined two career saves.

Barnes did finally seem to "get it" last season as he had a productive regular season (6-4, 3.65 ERA, career-high 96 K's) and strong postseason. The brunt of the bullpen pressure in April and May will fall on him.

"There is something different about the last

three outs of the game in the ninth inning," Barnes told SiriusXM's MLB Network Radio. "But I think having gone through that postseason run and pitched in big spots those are such high-pressure situations that if I am fortunate enough to be in that role and they trust me in that role and want to give me that opportunity [then I'll take it]. Having gone through everything in the postseason last year, I can't imagine a save situation is going to have more pressure or be more high-leverage in the second week of April than Game 3 or Game 4 of the World Series."

Heath Hembree, Brandon Workman, Colten Brewer, Brian Johnson, Hector Velazquez and Tyler Thornburg are all expected to see late-inning work early in the title defense as well. Thornburg is the wild card here as he showed promise in a closing role with the Brewers two years ago with 13 saves. Thornburg has been battling thoracic outlet syndrome since 2017.

The Sox open up their 2019 season Thursday in Seattle (7 p.m., NESN).



Ryan Brasier.

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WILL CELTICS TARGET DURANT AGAIN?

OPINION

MATT BURKE

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Late Celtics patriarch Red Auerbach once said that Danny Ainge is the luckiest person he ever met. If Ainge can somehow elevate the Celtics to true championship contention this summer without having to give up Jayson Tatum or Jaylen Brown in a trade then that statement will certainly hold true.

One of the easiest paths to make yourself the team to beat next season will be to land Kevin Durant in free agency. And while it seems that Durant to the Knicks is a sure thing, two prominent NBA writers with deep sources have been on it for months that the Durant and Kyrie Irving pairing could actually happen in Boston – not in New York.

ESPN's Brian Windhorst talked about it earlier this month on The Jump, and legendary basketball writer Jackie MacMullan talked about Durant to Boston back in December on Windhorst's podcast. Here was their conversation.

MacMullan: "Let's say that Kevin Durant wants to come to Boston, just for argument's sake. Some GM said to me the other day ... he gave Boston a visit during his free agency."

Windhorst: "He basically implied that they finished second [in 2016]."

MacMullan: "What I've learned, and maybe you guys already knew this. I did not. Kevin Du-



Kyrie Irving checks Kevin Durant earlier this season at TD Garden.

ADAM GLANZMAN

rant and Kyrie Irving are really tight. They work out together during the off-season. They make a trip every year to an island ... the Bahamas, and Jayson Tatum was hanging out with them this summer and the summer before. Someone suggested to me, don't sleep on Kevin Durant taking another look at Boston, which I had never considered."

Ainge and the Celtics have always had a connection to Durant dating back to Durant's days at Texas. The Celtics had a strong chance of landing one of the top two picks

in the 2007 Draft, and it is urban legend that Ainge would have taken Durant over Greg Oden at the time even if the Celtics had landed the No. 1 overall pick.

The Celtics were even fined because Ainge had had too much contact with Durant and Durant's family at the time.

Nine years later, Boston was then granted permission to pitch Durant on coming to Boston despite the fact that they then had no true superstar players to place him next to. Durant later claimed that he gave the Celtics serious consideration because of a strong pitch and comfortability with the Boston franchise. During this time (which wasn't even three years ago), Durant did not even consider meeting with the Knicks.

At this stage of his career, Durant views himself as the ultimate mercenary. Where he goes, the balance of power in the NBA goes. Certainly, the Celtics have a much better talent base on their roster than the Knicks – which makes them an intriguing option for Durant once again this summer.



Danny Ainge. GETTY IMAGES

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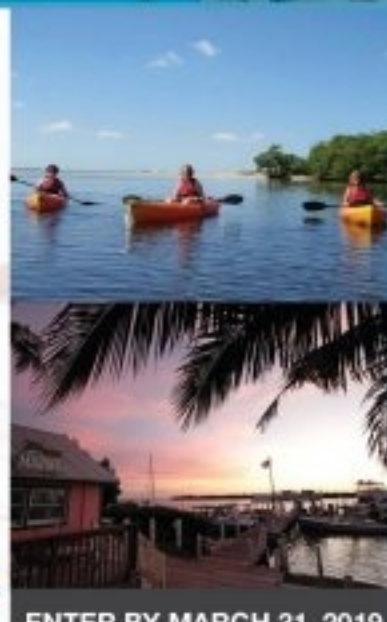
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT**

Case No. 18 MISC 000615

To Anthony Butler and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Sean C. Norwood of Jamaica Plain in the County of Suffolk representing that he holds as tenant in common an undivided 50% percent or share of certain land lying in Jamaica Plain in said County of Suffolk, and briefly described as follows:

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Southerly By Heath Street, 40 feet
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If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 28th day of March, 2019, the return day of this citation.

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WALK-THROUGH: A mandatory on site walk-through will be scheduled for **Monday, April 1, 2019 at 9:00 AM (ET)**.

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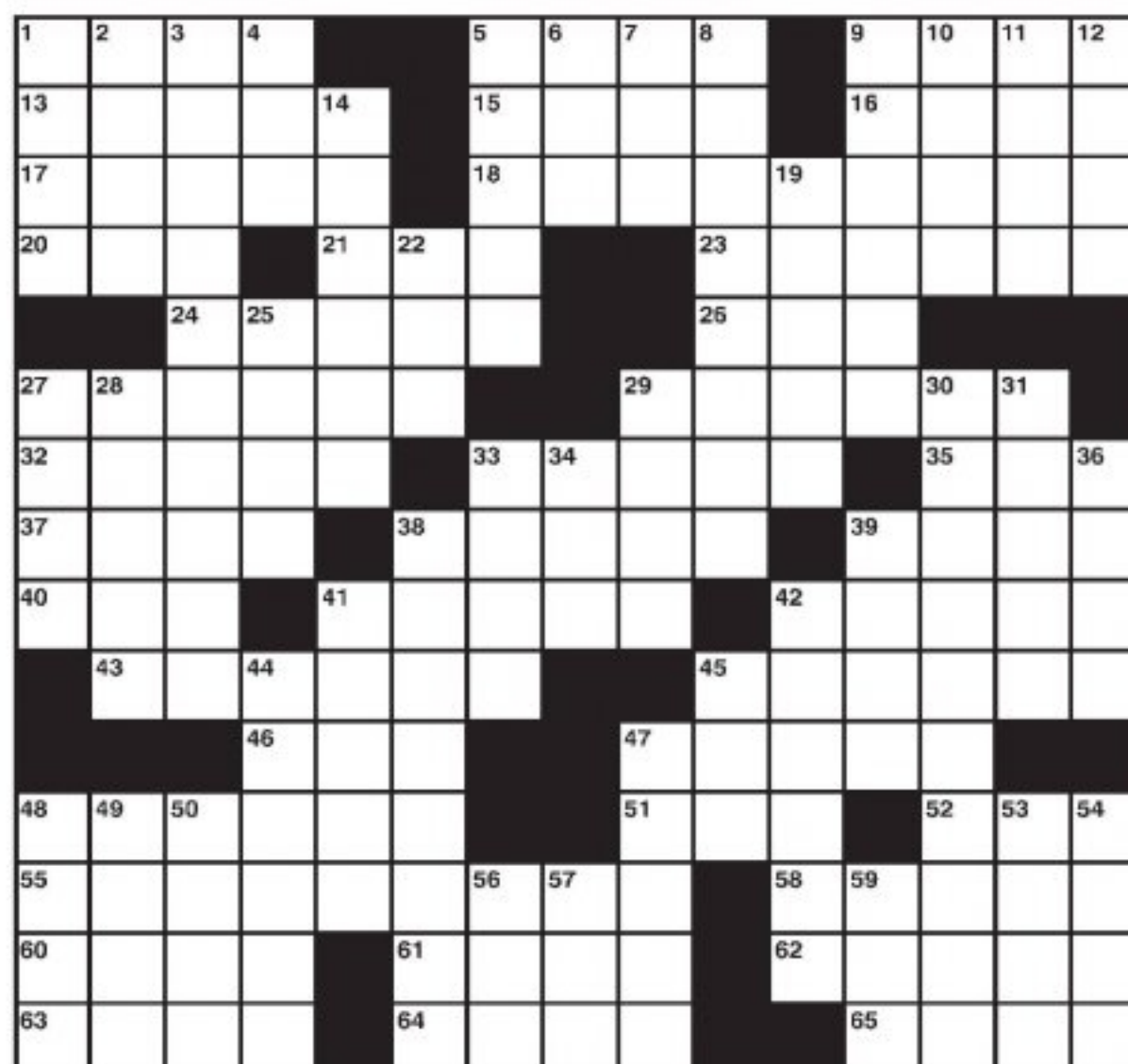
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63 Prepared Easter eggs
64 In a ___; pouting
65 Buzzers

DOWN

- 1 "Woe is me!"
2 Long and thin
3 Not prudent in speech
4 Street paver's need
5 Slanted
6 Barron, to Donald
7 "I ___ Rock"; 1960s song
8 Mild emotional disorder
9 Fly
10 Good-natured dogs, for short

- 11 Gritty residue
12 Change for a five
14 Harsh
19 Throw water on
22 Most common conjunction
25 Sheltered bay
27 Plays a role
28 Is concerned
29 Mont Blanc's location
30 Agitation; commotion
31 Secret agents
33 Dangerous animal
34 Cochlea's place
36 Song for one
38 Goes in again
39 Grow weary
41 Straight beater
42 Brief preparer
44 Lessened
45 Pigeon's cry
47 Lovers' meeting
48 Not up yet
49 Elephant's color
50 Nylons
53 Similar to
54 Soldier's meal
56 ___ away; flee
57 Garland
59 Steal from 59 Ayres of film fame

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- Aries** Rise above adversity and strive to be your best. Make changes for the right reason, not because of what someone else does or says. Do things your way.
- Taurus** Take action and get things done. Whether at work, school or home, set a goal and don't stop until you meet your mark.
- Gemini** Emotional matters will escalate if you let someone interfere in your personal affairs. Don't discuss your love life, domestic matters or finances to avoid conflict, discord and meddling.
- Cancer** Dig in and get things done. Use your imagination and put your heart and soul into accomplishing your goals. Make love, romance and improving your life priorities.
- Leo** Live and learn. Be observant and question anything you don't understand. Don't feel you must make a change just because someone else does. Watching from the sidelines will pay off.
- Virgo** Look at what you can do, not at what you cannot. Don't let someone confuse you or cost you the chance to be a part of something great. Do what feels right.

- Libra** Emotions will run high. Channel your energy into positive pursuits and living up to the promises you made to yourself. Don't let anyone take advantage of you or your generosity.
- Scorpio** Implement the changes you've been contemplating for so long. It's time to shake things up and live the life you desire. Love and romance should highlight your day.
- Sagittarius** Don't overreact or let anyone entice you to do something that isn't in your best interest. Make domestic and lifestyle improvements. Put your health first.
- Capricorn** A little charm, intelligence and desire will get you where you want to go. Personal changes should reflect your lifelong dreams. Romance is in the stars.
- Aquarius** You've got choices to make and you shouldn't let anyone interfere with your goals. Move forward and put your plans in motion secretly to avoid discord.
- Pisces** Listen to suggestions, but don't stretch your budget or set impossible goals. If you stick to tried-and-true methods that have worked in the past, success will be yours. EUGENIA LAST

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